

# **Iowa Hunter Education Program Hunting Incident Report**

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**2001  
STATE OF IOWA  
HUNTING INCIDENT SUMMARY**

**DEFINITION OF A HUNTING INCIDENT:**

**“An incident in which a person is injured or there is damage to property exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100) by a hunting firearm or bow outside of the home arising from the activity of hunting including travel to and from the hunting field.**

<u>TYPE OF FIREARM</u>		<u>HOW INCIDENT OCCURRED</u>		<u>DISTANCE FROM MUZZLE TO WOUND</u>	
Rifle	4	Self-Inflicted	*7	0-10	*7
Shotgun	***20	Shot by Another	**14	10-50 yards	5
Muzzleloader	1	Property Damage	5	51-100 yards	*4
Handgun	1			101 or more yards	*5
Bow				Unknown	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26</b>

**DAY WHICH INCIDENT OCCURRED**

Sunday	10
Monday	*3
Tuesday	2
Wednesday	1
Thursday	1
Friday	0
Saturday	**9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26</b>

**TIME OF DAY INCIDENT OCCURRED**

6 a.m. - 9 a.m.	4
9 a.m. - Noon	8
Noon - 3 p.m.	4
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	1
6 p.m. - Midnight	1
Unknown	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26</b>

**SEX OF FIREARM CASUALTY**

	<u>Shooter</u>	<u>Victim</u>
Unknown	6	
Female	0	
Male	20	***21
Property Damage		5
Dog as Shooter		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>

**HUNTER ED GRADUATES  
INVOLVED IN GUN INCIDENT**

	<u>Shooter</u>
Trained	11
Non-Trained	6
Unknown	4
N/A	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26</b>

\* Each asterisk denotes fatality

**GAME BEING HUNTED WHEN  
INCIDENT OCCURRED**

**MONTH INCIDENT OCCURRED**

	<u>Non-fatal</u>	<u>Fatal</u>		<u>Month</u>	<u>Non-fatal</u>	<u>Fatal</u>	<u>Total</u>
Waterfowl	1	0		January	2	0	2
Rabbit	1	0		February	0	0	0
Quail	0	0		March	0	0	0
Squirrel	3	0		April	0	1	1
Turkey	4	0		May	2	0	2
Pheasant	5	0		June	0	0	0
Raccoon	0	0		July	0	0	0
Deer	7	2		August	0	0	0
Ruffed Grouse	0	0		September	2	0	2
Nongame	0	0		October	4	0	4
Coyote	1	1		November	3	0	3
Crow	1	0		December	10	2	12
Pigeon	0	0					
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>26</b>

**INTENTIONAL FIRING**

	<u>Non-Fatal</u>	<u>Fatal</u>	<u>Total</u>
Game flew/ran between shooter and Victim	1	0	1
Victim covered by shooter swinging on game	7	0	8
Victim out of sight of shooter	3	2	4
Failure to properly identify target	5	0	5
Victim moved in line of fire	0	0	0
Ricochet	1	0	1
Faulty equipment/Defective firearm	0	0	0
Obstruction in barrel	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>19</b>

**UNINTENTIONAL FIRING**

	<u>Non-Fatal</u>	<u>Fatal</u>	<u>Total</u>
Defective firearm	0	0	0
Removing/placing loaded firearm in vehicle	0	0	0
Discharge firearm in/on vehicle	0	0	0
Improper crossing of obstacles	0	1	1
Dropped firearm	0	0	0
Mixed ammo/incorrect ammo	0	0	0
Shooter stumbled and fell	1	0	1
Loading/unloading firearm	1	0	1
Firearm fell from insecure rest	0	0	0
Trigger caught on object	0	0	0
Clubbing game	0	0	0
Careless Gun Handling	2	0	2
Casing gun into holster	1	0	1
Dog stepped on gun	0	0	0
Loaded gun in vehicle	1	0	1
Other/unknown	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER OF  
FIREARM INCIDENTS:**

<b>23</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>26</b>
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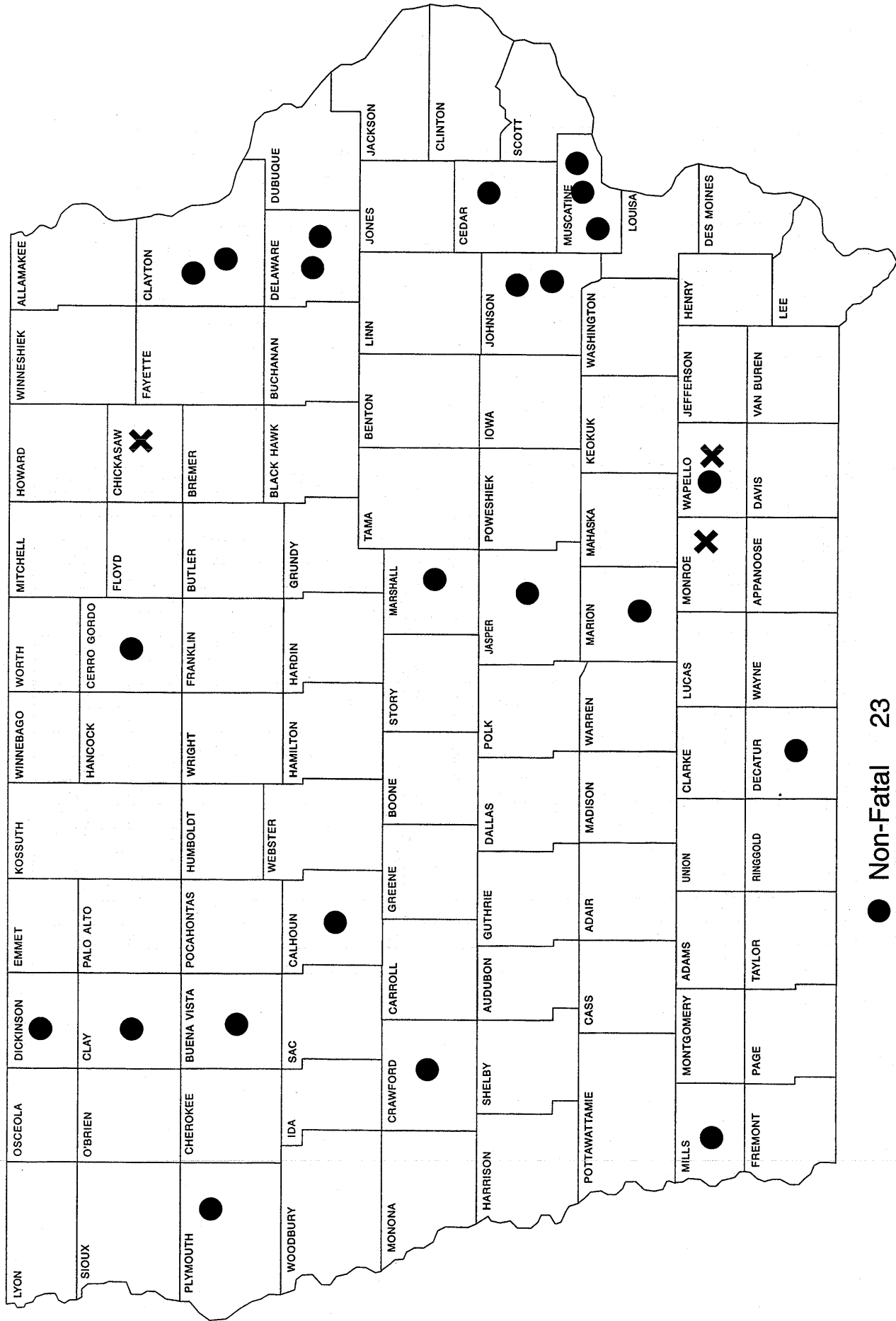
SHOOTER'S AGE	NUMBER OF INCIDENTS	VICTIM'S AGE	NUMBER OF INCIDENTS
1-9	0	1 - 9	0
*10 - 19	10	* 10 - 19	8
*20 - 29	3	20 - 29	3
30 - 39	1	30 - 39	1
40 - 49	0	40 - 49	4
50 - 59	3	50 - 59	1
*60 and over	1	*60 and over	1
		+ Property Damage	5
Unknown	8	Unknown	3
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>26</b>

\* Denotes Fatality

### IOWA HUNTING ACCIDENTS (1964 - 2001)

YEAR	NONFATAL	FATAL	TOTAL	YEAR	NONFATAL	FATAL	TOTAL
1964	75	8	83	1983	48	3	51
1965	95	20	115	1984	39	4	43
1966	121	19	140	1985	33	4	37
1967	95	19	114	1986	40	2	42
1968	64	11	75	1987	34	1	35
1969	87	12	99	1988	43	3	46
1970	76	7	83	1989	44	4	48
1971	57	12	69	1990	54	7	61
1972	67	5	72	1991	46	3	49
1973	55	12	67	1992	31	3	34
1974	72	14	86	1993	29	1	30
1975	47	5	52	1994	47	3	51
1976	61	5	66	1995	35	1	36
1977	60	10	70	1996	40	1	41
1978	61	9	70	1997	34	3	37
1979	53	7	60	1998	48	3	51
1980	57	4	61	1999	41	1	42
1981	61	10	71	2000	36	1	37
1982	37	5	42	2001	23	3	26

# 2001 Hunting Incidents



Incident # 1

Property Damage [ None ]

Personal Injury [ X ]

Fatal [ ]

Self Inflicted [ ]

Same Party [ X ]

Date and Day of the Week: 1/14/01, Sunday

County of Incident: Calhoun

Shooter Information

Age: 18

Years Hunting Experience: 9

Hunter Education Graduate: Yes

Game Hunted: Crow

Attempting to Bag Game: No

Firearm Used: Ruger .223

Victim Information

Age: 18

Blaze Orange Apparel: No

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 12"

Type of Cover: Roadway

NARRATIVE: *Shooter was attempting to unload rifle and put the rifle in a gun case in the vehicle. The victim was sitting in the passenger seat of the vehicle when a bullet struck his left foot.*

CAUSE: *Unsafe gun handling and failing to keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.*

PREVENTION: *Always point the muzzle in a safe direction when unloading a firearm.*

Incident # 2

Property Damage [ ]

Personal Injury [ X ]

Fatal [ ]

Self Inflicted [ X ]

Same Party [ ]

Date and Day of the Week: 1/22/01, Saturday

County of Incident: Crawford

Shooter Information

Age: 17

Years Hunting Experience: 4

Hunter Education Graduate: No

Game Hunted: Rabbit

Attempting to Bag Game: No

Firearm Used: New England 20 gauge shotgun

Victim Information

Age:

Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 1"

Type of Cover: N/A

NARRATIVE: *Victim was unloading shotgun and it went off hitting the victim in the right foot. The victim also had no hunting license.*

CAUSE: *Lack of muzzle control while unloading. No hunter education training.*

PREVENTION: *Better control of the muzzle and keep it pointed in a safe direction while unloading the shotgun. Attending a hunter education class might teach the victim better gun handling safety.*

Incident # 3

Property Damage [ ]

Personal Injury [ ]

Fatal [ X ]

Self Inflicted [ X ]

Same Party [ ]

Date and Day of the Week: 4/1/01, Monday

County of Incident: Chickasaw

Shooter Information

Age: 17

Years Hunting Experience:

Hunter Education Graduate:

Game Hunted: Coyote

Attempting to Bag Game:

Firearm Used: Remington 870, 12 gauge

Victim Information

Age:

Blaze Orange Apparel:

Distance of Muzzle to Wound:

Type of Cover:

NARRATIVE: *Victim slipped on a log and the shotgun discharged hitting the victim in the neck*

CAUSE: *Improper muzzle control and crossing an obstacle*

PREVENTION: *Better control of the gun while crossing an obstacle so the muzzle remains pointed in a safe directions*

*NO DIAGRAM BECAUSE IT WAS SELF INFLICTED*

Incident # 4

Property Damage [ ]

Personal Injury [ X ]

Fatal [ ]

Self Inflicted [ No ]

Same Party [ No ]

Date and Day of the Week: 5/15/01, Tuesday

County of Incident: Muscatine

Shooter Information

Age: 18

Years Hunting Experience: 8

Hunter Education Graduate: Yes

Game Hunted: Turkey

Attempting to Bag Game: Yes

Firearm Used: Remington 870, 12 gauge

Victim Information

Age: 24

Blaze Orange Apparel: No

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 14 yards

Type of Cover: Light cover

NARRATIVE: *Shooter had fallen asleep and victim set up to hunt turkeys on a public area unaware of the shooter's presence. When the victim started calling the shooter awoke and saw movement and shot, hitting the victim with 17 pellets to the head and neck.*

CAUSE: *Failure to properly identify the target before shooting.*

PREVENTION: *Make sure to properly identify the target before pulling the trigger.*



Incident # 5

Property Damage [ ]

Personal Injury [ X ]

Fatal [ ]

Self Inflicted [ No ]

Same Party [ No ]

Date and Day of the Week: 5/12/01, Saturday County of Incident: Delaware

Shooter Information

Age: 50

Years Hunting Experience: 40

Hunter Education Graduate: Yes

Game Hunted: Turkey

Attempting to Bag Game: Yes

Firearm Used: Remington 870, 12 gauge

Victim Information

Age: 40

Blaze Orange Apparel: No

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 50 yards

Type of Cover: Dense Cover

**NARRATIVE:** *Two turkey hunters were unaware of each other's locations and heard gobbling on another property and jumped the fence and set up decoys. The shooter saw movement he believed to be a turkey and fired a shot, hitting the victim in the head.*

**CAUSE:** *The shooter failing to identify his target and then shooting at movement. The shooter was trespassing and hunting without a license. The victim was trespassing.*

**PREVENTION:** *Make sure the target is not a person before pulling the trigger. Stay on the property you have permission to hunt on.*

Incident # 6

Property Damage [ ]

Personal Injury [ X ]

Fatal [ ]

Self Inflicted [ ]

Same Party [ Yes ]

Date and Day of the Week: 9/2/01, Thursday County of Incident: Johnson

Shooter Information

Age: 15

Years Hunting Experience: 2

Hunter Education Graduate: Yes

Game Hunted: Squirrel

Attempting to Bag Game: Yes

Firearm Used: Savage .22 bolt action

Victim Information

Age: 17

Blaze Orange Apparel: No

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 299 ft.

Type of Cover: Dense Cover

**NARRATIVE:** *Three hunters went squirrel hunting. The 15-year-old shooter was new to hunting. The shooter shot at a squirrel on a log on the trail and the victim was walking out of sight on the trail toward the shooter and was hit in the foot by the bullet.*

**CAUSE:** *There was not a backstop behind the squirrel when the shooter took the shot. The shooter did not know the exact location of the other hunters in his party.*

**PREVENTION:** *Have a plan to hunt and stick to it. Only shoot in safe directions with a good backstop.*

Incident # 7

Property Damage [ ]

Personal Injury [X]

Fatal [ ]

Self Inflicted [ ]

Same Party [ ]

Date and Day of the Week: 9/23/01

County of Incident: Delaware

Shooter Information

Age: 15/18

Years Hunting Experience: Limited

Hunter Education Graduate: Yes, Yes

Game Hunted: Squirrel

Attempting to Bag Game: Yes

Firearm Used: .22 Cal. Rifles

Victim Information

Age: 18

Blaze Orange Apparel: No

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 15 to 20 yds.

Type of Cover: Wooded

NARRATIVE: *The two shooters shot at a squirrel on the ground beside a tree. The .22 slug that glanced off the ground and struck the victim. Slug is still in victim at this time.*

CAUSE: *Victim out of sight of shooter*

PREVENTION: *Be aware of where other members of the party are located.*

Incident # 8

Property Damage [ ]

Personal Injury [X]

Fatal [ ]

Self Inflicted [ ]

Same Party [ ]

Date and Day of the Week: 10/17/01,

County of Incident: Clayton

Shooter Information

Age: 15

Years Hunting Experience:

Hunter Education Graduate:

Game Hunted: Turkey

Attempting to Bag Game: Yes

Firearm Used: New England 20 ga.

Victim Information

Age: 35

Blaze Orange Apparel: No

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 30 to 40 yds.

Type of Cover: Wooded

NARRATIVE: *Victim was mistaken for game while turkey hunting and received 18 pellets to the head.*

CAUSE: *Shooter failed to properly identify the game he was trying to bag.*

PREVENTION: *Need to better identify the target the shooter was trying to bag*

Incident # 9

Property Damage [ ]

Personal Injury [X]

Fatal [ ]

Self Inflicted [X]

Same Party [ ]

Date and Day of the Week: 10/30/01, Tuesday

County of Incident: Mills

**Shooter Information**

Age: 51

Years Hunting Experience: 40

Hunter Education Graduate: No

Game Hunted: Pheasant

Attempting to Bag Game: No

Firearm Used: Rem. 1148, 12 Ga. Shotgun

**Victim Information**

Age:

Blaze Orange Apparel:

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: <1'

Type of Cover:

**NARRATIVE:** *The shooter was road hunting and noticed the bolt handle that is used to lock back the shotgun's receiver was missing. While pushing down on the barrel, he apparently had his thumb and index finger partially covering the end of the shotgun barrel. The shotgun discharged, hitting his left hand.*

**CAUSE:** *Shooters inattentiveness to where his hand was positioned on the barrel and the missing bolt handle.*

**PREVENTION:** *Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction while working with a firearm and keep the firearm parts in good working order.*

Incident # 10

Property Damage [ ]

Personal Injury [X]

Fatal [ ]

Self Inflicted [X]

Same Party [ ]

Date and Day of the Week: 11/11/01, Sunday

County of Incident: Muscatine

**Shooter Information**

Age: 33

Years Hunting Experience: 5

Hunter Education Graduate: Yes

Game Hunted: Squirrel

Attempting to Bag Game: Yes

Firearm Used: .22 Smith & Wesson handgun

**Victim Information**

Age:

Blaze Orange Apparel:

Distance of Muzzle to Wound:

Type of Cover: <1'

**NARRATIVE:** *After shooting 2 squirrels the shooter attempted to place his handgun in his holster when the trigger caught on the holster and the bullet entered his thigh on the right side 4 inches below the waist and exited 4 inches below the entry point.*

**CAUSE:** *Poor muzzle control and failure to put the safety on the handgun before holstering.*

**PREVENTION:** *Better gun handling and using the safety.*

**Incident #** 11

**Property Damage** [ X ]

**Personal Injury** [ ]

**Fatal** [ ]

**Self Inflicted** [ N/A ]

**Same Party** [ N/A ]

**Date and Day of the Week:** 10/6/01 Saturday

**County of Incident:** Cerro Gordo

**Shooter Information**

**Age:** *Unknown*

**Years Hunting Experience:** *N/A*

**Hunter Education Graduate:** *N/A*

**Game Hunted:** *Duck*

**Attempting to Bag Game:** *N/A*

**Firearm Used:** *N/A*

**Victim Information**

**Age:**

**Blaze Orange Apparel:**

**Distance of Muzzle to Wound:** *Unknown*

**Type of Cover:** *Dense Cover*

**NARRATIVE:** *Person was driving a car on a county road and suddenly the back window was shot out.*

**CAUSE:** *Shooters were unaware of distances that pellets will travel and what is beyond the target.*

**PREVENTION:** *Hunters must know where roads are located so they do not shoot in that direction.*

**Incident #** 12

**Property Damage** [ ]

**Personal Injury** [ X ]

**Fatal** [ ]

**Self Inflicted** [ ]

**Same Party** [ Yes ]

**Date and Day of the Week:** 10/28/01, Saturday

**County of Incident:** Dickinson

**Shooter Information**

**Age:** *Unkn.*

**Years Hunting Experience:**

**Hunter Education Graduate:**

**Game Hunted:** *Pheasant*

**Attempting to Bag Game:**

**Firearm Used:**

**Victim Information**

**Age:** *47*

**Blaze Orange Apparel:** *No*

**Distance of Muzzle to Wound:** *Unknown*

**Type of Cover:** *Waist high grass*

**NARRATIVE:** *Two groups of hunters walking towards each other. A pheasant got up between the two groups. Both groups shot at the bird resulting in the victim being hit by a pellet.*

**CAUSE:** *Failing to look beyond the target. Shooting out of the safe zone of fire.*

**PREVENTION:** *Know your safe zone of fire and look beyond the target. Don't become fixed on target.*

Incident # 13

Property Damage [ ]

Personal Injury [ X ]

Fatal [ ]

Self Inflicted [ ]

Same Party [ Yes ]

Date and Day of the Week: 11/25/01, Sunday

County of Incident: Plymouth

Shooter Information

Age: 17

Years Hunting Experience: 3

Hunter Education Graduate: Yes

Game Hunted: Pheasants

Attempting to Bag Game: Yes

Firearm Used: Remington 12 Ga. Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 10

Blaze Orange Apparel: No

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 35 - 40 yards

Type of Cover:

NARRATIVE: *A father and two sons were hunting pheasants in a line. A pheasant got up between the two sons and the shooter shot at the pheasant just above the grass, killing the pheasant, but also striking his brother with 5 pellets to the head.*

CAUSE: *Swinging on game. Fixed on the target and not the hunting partners.*

PREVENTION: *Know your safe zone of fire at all times.*

Incident # 14

Property Damage [ ]

Personal Injury [ X ]

Fatal [ ]

Self Inflicted [ X ]

Same Party [ ]

Date and Day of the Week: 12/01/01, Saturday

County of Incident: Decatur

Shooter Information

Age: 56

Years Hunting Experience: 45

Hunter Education Graduate: No

Game Hunted: Deer

Attempting to Bag Game:

Firearm Used: .54 Cal. Muzzle-loader

Victim Information

Age: N/A

Blaze Orange Apparel:

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: Contact

Type of Cover:

NARRATIVE: *The muzzle-loader went off while the victim was trying to cap the rifle. The victim suffered damage to his right leg. This was a homemade gun with a real "smooth" set trigger*

CAUSE: *Did not control the direction the muzzle was pointed while capping the gun.*

PREVENTION: *Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction at all times.*

Incident # 15

Property Damage [ ]

Personal Injury [ X ]

Fatal [ ]

Self Inflicted [ ]

Same Party [ Yes ]

Date and Day of the Week: 12/1/01, Saturday County of Incident: Wapello

Shooter Information

Age: 15

Years Hunting Experience:

Hunter Education Graduate:

Game Hunted: Deer

Attempting to Bag Game: Yes

Firearm Used:

Victim Information

Age: 40

Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 75 yards

Type of Cover: Pasture

**NARRATIVE:** *During a deer drive, some deer ran in front of the shooter. The shooter shot 4 times at the deer and missed. After shooting, he heard a member yelling that he had been shot.*

**CAUSE:** *It was the shooters first deer hunt. The shooter was shooting at a running deer and not knowing the location of all hunting partners and no backstop.*

**PREVENTION:** *Plan the hunt and hunt the plan. Shoot at deer that are not running and plan your zones of fire for each member of the hunting party.*

Incident # 16

Property Damage [ ]

Personal Injury [ ]

Fatal [ X ]

Self Inflicted [ ]

Same Party [ X ]

Date and Day of the Week: 12/1/01, Saturday County of Incident: Wapello

Shooter Information

Age: 26

Years Hunting Experience: 10

Hunter Education Graduate: Yes

Game Hunted: Deer

Attempting to Bag Game: Yes

Firearm Used: Remington 870

Victim Information

Age: 73

Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 250 feet

Type of Cover: Pasture

**NARRATIVE:** *A small group of deer ran between the shooter and the victim. The shooter shot four times at the deer. The shooter said he heard the victim yelling.*

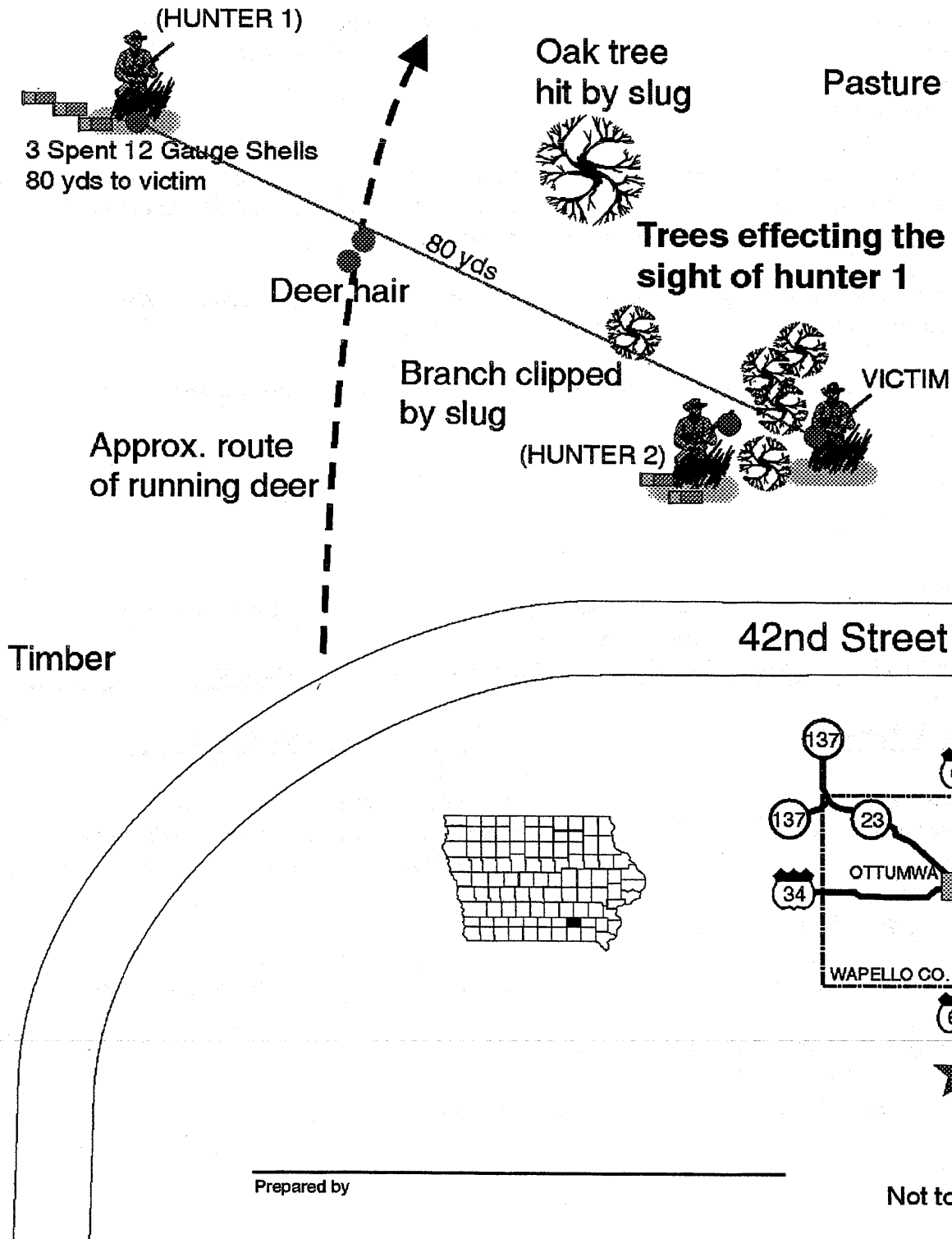
**CAUSE:** *Shooting at deer running between two hunters. No backstop and the shooter fixated on the target and not beyond.*

**PREVENTION:** *Know where the entire hunting group is located and only shot in a safe direction. Have a plan and hunt the plan.*

# Fatal Hunting Accident

## Diagram prepared by the DNR

Date 12/1/01



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Incident # 17

Property Damage [ ]

Personal Injury [ X ]

Fatal [ ]

Self Inflicted [ ]

Same Party [ Yes ]

Date and Day of the Week: 12/2/01, Sunday

County of Incident: Marshall

Shooter Information

Age: 60

Years Hunting Experience: 20+

Hunter Education Graduate: No

Game Hunted: Deer

Attempting to Bag Game: Yes

Firearm Used: Berreta 390 12 Ga. Semi-auto

Victim Information

Age: 18

Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 486 feet

Type of Cover: Open Pasture

**NARRATIVE:** *Victim had moved out from the fence line he was to have been standing in and a deer ran between the shooter and the victim. The shooter shot 4 rounds and hit the victim on the second round and the victim lost his right index finger*

**CAUSE:** *The victim did not stay with the hunt plan and the shooter failed check for other hunters as he swung on the running deer.*

**PREVENTION:** *All hunters need to hunt according to the plan the not shoot a running deer.*

Incident # 18

Property Damage [ ]

Personal Injury [ ]

Fatal [ X ]

Self Inflicted [ ]

Same Party [ Yes ]

Date and Day of the Week: 12/8/01, Saturday

County of Incident: Monroe

Shooter Information

Age: 80

Years Hunting Experience: 50

Hunter Education Graduate: No

Game Hunted: Deer

Attempting to Bag Game: Yes

Firearm Used: J.C. Higgins 12 Ga.

Victim Information

Age: 40

Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 125 yards

Type of Cover: Pasture

**NARRATIVE:** *Shooter was shooting at a running deer. The victim was struck in the left shoulder.*

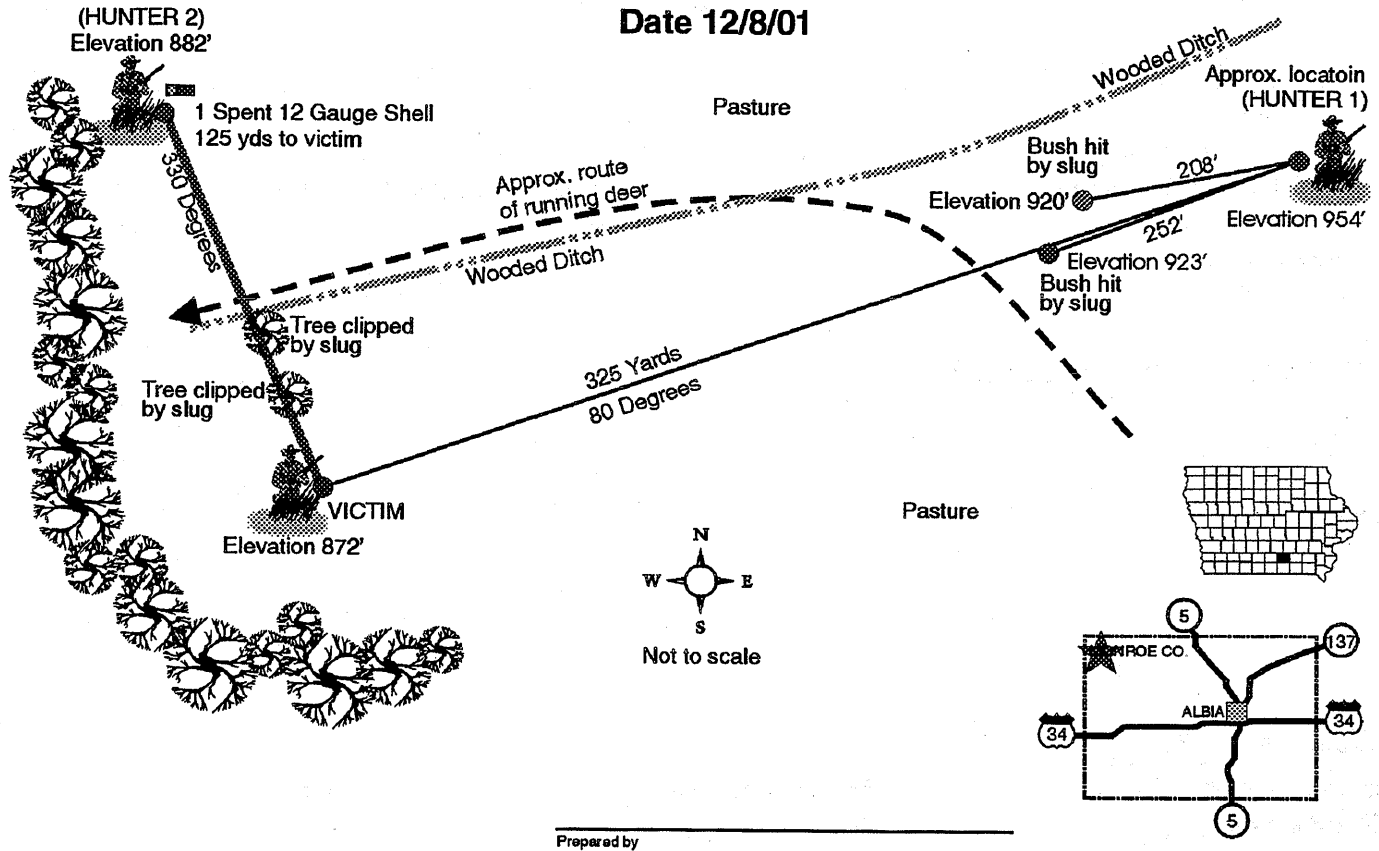
**CAUSE:** *Target fixation and shooting at running game.*

**PREVENTION:** *Be sure of where other hunters are and don't shoot at running game*



# Fatal Hunting Accident Diagram prepared by the DNR

Date 12/8/01



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Incident # 19

Property Damage [ ☒ ]

Personal Injury [ ☐ ]

Fatal [ ☐ ]

Self Inflicted [ ☐ ]

Same Party [ ☐ ]

Date and Day of the Week: 12/8/01, Saturday

County of Incident: Johnson

Shooter Information

Age: Unkn.

Years Hunting Experience:

Hunter Education Graduate:

Game Hunted: Deer

Attempting to Bag Game:

Firearm Used:

Victim Information

Age:

Blaze Orange Apparel:

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: Unkn.

Type of Cover:

NARRATIVE: Deer slug struck a house

CAUSE:

PREVENTION:

Incident # 20

Property Damage [ ☒ ]

Personal Injury [ ☐ ]

Fatal [ ☐ ]

Self Inflicted [ ☐ ]

Same Party [ ☐ ]

Date and Day of the Week: 12/8/01, Saturday

County of Incident: Marion

Shooter Information

Age: Unkn.

Years Hunting Experience:

Hunter Education Graduate:

Game Hunted: Deer

Attempting to Bag Game:

Firearm Used: Shotgun slug

Victim Information

Age:

Blaze Orange Apparel:

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 1/2 mile

Type of Cover:

NARRATIVE: Slug from a shotgun went through a garage wall and hit a weber grill. The nearest area from where it could have come from was about 1/2 mile.

CAUSE: Ricochet

PREVENTION: Looking at what is beyond the target

Incident # 21

Property Damage [ ☒ ]

Personal Injury [ ☐ ]

Fatal [ ☐ ]

Self Inflicted [ ☐ ]

Same Party [ ☐ ]

Date and Day of the Week: 12/9/01, Sunday

County of Incident: Muscatine

Shooter Information

Age: Unkn.

Years Hunting Experience:

Hunter Education Graduate:

Game Hunted: Deer

Attempting to Bag Game:

Firearm Used: 12 ga Slug

Victim Information

Age: N/A

Blaze Orange Apparel:

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: Unkn.

Type of Cover:

NARRATIVE: *Residents of a house were sitting in the living room of their home when a slug hit the west side of their house. It then passed through the wall and struck a chair, and landed on the floor*

CAUSE: *Target fixation and not knowing what was beyond the target*

PREVENTION: *Know what is beyond your target*

Incident # 22

Property Damage [ ☒ ]

Personal Injury [ ☒ ]

Fatal [ ☐ ]

Self Inflicted [ ☐ ]

Same Party [ ☐ ]

Date and Day of the Week: 12/3/01, Monday

County of Incident: Clay

Shooter Information

Age:

Years Hunting Experience: 5 years

Hunter Education Graduate: Yes

Game Hunted: Pheasant

Attempting to Bag Game: Yes

Firearm Used: 12 gauge shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 21

Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes, vest

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 100 yards

Type of Cover: Road Ditch - grass

NARRATIVE: *Shooter was attempting to take game and the victim was in the line of fire.*

CAUSE: *Lack of experience - carelessness*

PREVENTION: *Pay attention and be aware of other hunter's presence. Practice safe zone of fire when walking towards each other.*

Incident # 23

Property Damage [ ]

Personal Injury [ X ]

Fatal [ ]

Self Inflicted [ X ]

Same Party [ ]

Date and Day of the Week: 12/24/01, Monday

County of Incident: Cedar

Shooter Information

Age: 16

Years Hunting Experience: 4

Hunter Education Graduate: Yes

Game Hunted: Squirrel

Attempting to Bag Game: No

Firearm Used: Ruger 10-22 .22 cal. rifle

Victim Information

Age: N/A

Blaze Orange Apparel: No

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 6 inches

Type of Cover: Tall grass

**NARRATIVE:** *Two boys were walking back to the truck when the shooter lost his grip on the rifle and in trying to grab the rifle his finger pulled the trigger and the bullet entered the right foot and exited out the bottom of the foot.*

**CAUSE:** *Poor gun handling*

**PREVENTION:** *Unload gun after finishing the hunt, make sure the safety is on and hold the firearm with both hands*

Incident # 24

Property Damage [ ]

Personal Injury [ X ]

Fatal [ ]

Self Inflicted [ X ]

Same Party [ ]

Date and Day of the Week: 12/2/01, Sunday

County of Incident: Clayton

Shooter Information

Age: 21

Years Hunting Experience: 6

Hunter Education Graduate: No

Game Hunted: Coyote

Attempting to Bag Game: No

Firearm Used: Mossburg 20 Ga.

Victim Information

Age: NA

Blaze Orange Apparel: No

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: Less than 1"

Type of Cover: Picked corn

**NARRATIVE:** *Subject had been "coyote" hunting and was returning home. Subject tripped, started to fall when gun went off.*

**CAUSE:** *Gun not on safe, finger on trigger*

**PREVENTION:** *Put gun on safe, keep finger off trigger*

Incident # 25

Property Damage [ ]

Personal Injury [ X ]

Fatal [ ]

Self Inflicted [ ]

Same Party [ Yes ]

Date and Day of the Week: 11/18/01, Sunday

County of Incident: Buena Vista

Shooter Information

Age: 20

Years Hunting Experience: 8

Hunter Education Graduate: Yes

Game Hunted: Pheasant

Attempting to Bag Game: Yes

Firearm Used: Rem 11/87 semi-auto shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 19

Blaze Orange Apparel: No

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 333 Feet

Type of Cover: Light

**NARRATIVE:** *Shooter and victim were hunting pheasants along a honeysuckle planting. The shooter shot directly at victim while attempting to bag a pheasant. The victim was dressed in all camo and could not be seen through the planting*

**CAUSE:** *Victim out of sight of shooter*

**PREVENTION:** *Wearing blaze orange and being aware of what is behind your target*

Incident # 26

Property Damage [ ]

Personal Injury [ X ]

Fatal [ ]

Self Inflicted [ ]

Same Party [ Yes ]

Date and Day of the Week: 12/2/01 Sunday

County of Incident: Jasper

Shooter Information

Age: Unkn.

Years Hunting Experience:

Hunter Education Graduate:

Game Hunted: Deer

Attempting to Bag Game: Yes

Firearm Used: Shotgun with slugs

Victim Information

Age:

Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 200 - 300 yd.

Type of Cover: Open Pasture

**NARRATIVE:** *The victim and two possible shooters were posted along a fence line in a deer drive. A deer ran between the victim and two possible shooters and the shooter swung on the deer and shot hitting the victim in the right ring finger*

**CAUSE:** *Swinging on game and shooting at a running deer. Shooter failed to check behind the target for other hunters.*

**PREVENTION:** *Not shooting at running deer and checking for hunters behind and in front of target.*